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SPEECH

1. DESPITE TURKEY'S INTENSE PREOCCUPATION WITH THE CURRENT
ROUND OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND REACTION TO IT, WEDNESDAY
(JUNE 24) EDITIONS OF MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES GAVE PROMINENT
ATTENTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH MONDAY IN ATLANTA.

2. TYPICAL OF FRONT PAGE HEADLINE TREATMENT WAS MILLIYET'S:
"AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE GAVE A SHARP ANSWER TO THE
TURKISH NOTE--KISSINGER: "THE USA WILL NOT BOW TO THREATS
BY ITS ALLIES."

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3. STORIES WERE BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS OF

THE SPEECH. LEADS NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT U.S. ALLIES ARE FREE TO ACT AS THEY PLEASE WAS SEEN AS AIMED AT "TURKEY, GREECE AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES." (THE FULL TEXT OF MILLIYET'S STORY IS GIVEN AT THE END OF THIS MESSAGE.)

4. IN WEDNESDAY EDITIONS, ONLY SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN CARRIED AN EDITORIAL ON THE KISSINGER SPEECH. THE PAPER DECLARED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER, "WHO WAS KNOWN FOR HIS ARDENT SUPPORT OF TURKEY AGAINST THE CONGRESS, HAS FINALLY LET HIMSELF BE CARRIED AWAY BY DOMESTIC POLITICS."..."WE MUST FORGET THE ASSESSMENT THAT 'THE PRESIDENT IS GOOD AND THE CONGRESS IS BAD' AND STICK TO THE POLICY THAT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH OUR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS. IF A DECISION IS REACHED BY CONSIDERING NATIONAL INTERESTS, IT SHOULD BE PURSUED AT ALL COSTS. AND NO MISTAKE OF GRANTING A 30 DAY GRACE PERIOD."

5. (MILLIYET TEXT)

ATLANTA (AA) - IN AN IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT, CONSIDERED TO BE DIRECTED AT TURKEY, GREECE AND CERTAIN SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SAID THAT THE UNITED STATE WILL NOT BOW TO PRESSURES, AND THAT NATIONS, WHICH ARE DETERMINED TO BREAK OFF TREATY TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES ARE FREE TO ACT AS THEY PLEASE. IN HIS ADDRESS BEFORE THE ATLANTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS KISSINGER SAID: "WE REGARD OUR DEFENSE ALLIANCES AS THE CORNERSTONE OF AMERICA'S FOREIGN POLICY. HOWEVER, NO COUNTRY SHOULD THINK THAT IT IS DOING US A FAVOR BY REMAINING IN AN ALLIANCE WITH US. ANY COUNTRY, WHOSE PERCEPTION OF ITS NATIONAL INTERESTS CHANGES, WILL FIND US PREPARED TO ADAPT OR END OUR TREATY RELATIONSHIP. NO ALLY CAN PRESSURE US BY A THREAT OF TERMINATION; WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT ITS SECURITY IS MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN IT IS TO ITSELF."

KISSINGER, EMPHASIZING THAT THE UNITED STATES FACED THREATS WHEN IT REDUCED ITS AID TO ITS ALLIES, SAID:

"BUT, THE REDUCTION IN AID IN SUCH A WAY, SHOULD NOT RESULT
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IN THREATS OF CUTTING OFF THE DEFENSE RELATIONS. OUR FRIENDS SHOULD REGARD THEIR TIES TO US AS SERVING THEIR OWN NATIONAL PURPOSES. THESE TIES ARE NOT PRIVILEGES TO BE GRANTED AND WITHDRAWN AS MEANS OF PRESSURE."

THE EMBARGO MUST BE LIFTED

SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS WERE CONSIDERED TO BE DIRECTED

MOSTLY AT GREECE, TURKEY, AND THE TWO SOUTHEASTERN ASIAN COUNTRIES, NAMELY THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES. GREECE WITHDREW FROM THE MILITARY STRUCTURE OF NATO LAST YEAR. AS FOR TURKEY, THIS COUNTRY MADE ITSELF CLEAR THAT IT WOULD CANCEL AGREEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO JOINT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS UNLESS U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY IS RESUMED. KISSINGER TERMED THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ENDING U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ITS ALLIES AS A MOVE "DAMAGING THE UNITED STATES" AND CONTINUED AS FOLLOWS:

"FOR THIS REASON, THE PRESIDENT HAS STRONGLY OPPOSED THE CONGRESSIONAL CUT-OFF OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AND IS NOW WORKING HARD TO BRING ABOUT ITS IMMEDIATE RESTORATION." SETTLEMENT WITH THE CONGRESS

ACCORDING TO DISPATCHES ARRIVING FROM WASHINGTON, THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO FIND A RECONCILIATORY FORMULA WITH THE CONGRESS FOR LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY. ACCORDING TO THE FORMULA, WHICH IS BEING STUDIED, THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LIFT THE EMBARGO FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF 3 TO 4 MONTHS, AND WOULD WAIT FOR TURKISH ACTION TO PERMIT GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES IN THE NORTH. IF THIS HAPPENS, THE EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTERD PERMANENTLY. IF NOT, IT WOULD CONTINUE.
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